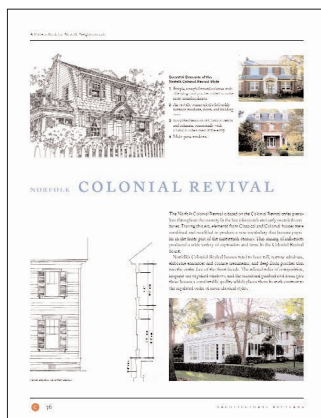
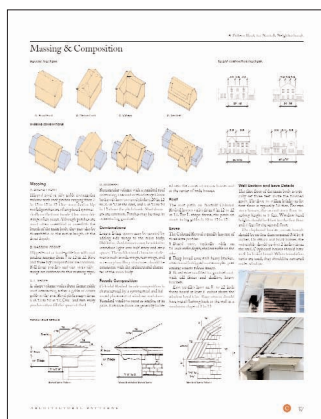


Building a Norfolk House



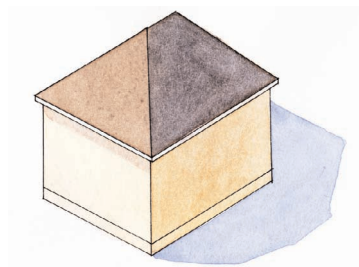
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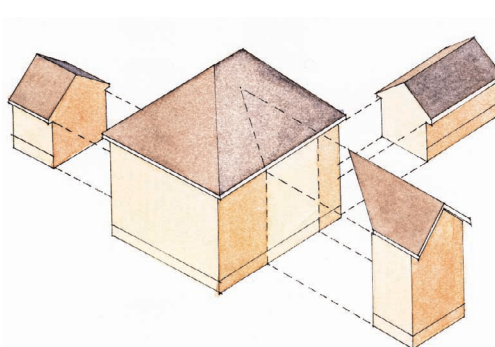
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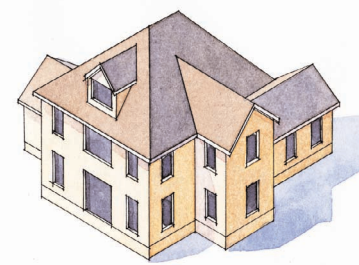
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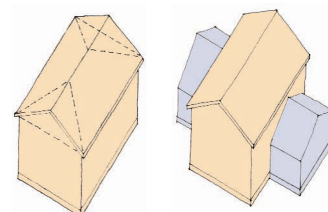
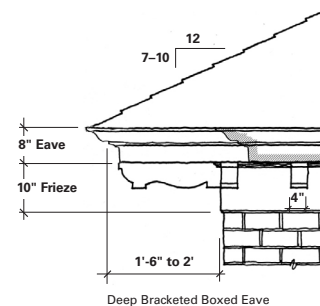
Most traditional houses are distinguished by a **Main Body** that is always the most important form. Additional space is treated as secondary additions to this Main Body. The first step in designing a house is to determine the Main Body Massing Type. This will guide the development of your house plan or the modifications to your existing house.



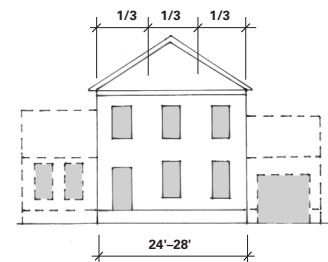
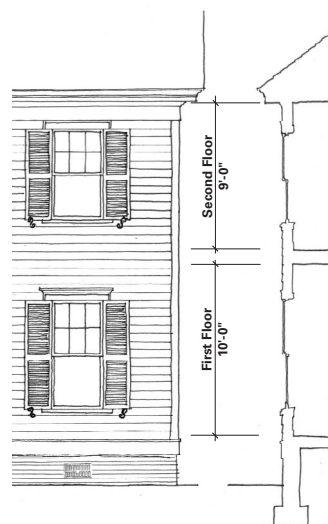
In general, additions are treated as **Wings**. Side wings can be either one, or one-and-one-half stories, set back from the front facade of the Main Body. Two-story additions can be added to two-story Main Bodies, but should be set back from the front facade and limited in width to a maximum of one-third the width of the Main Body. Side wings and rear wings can be added in many combinations.

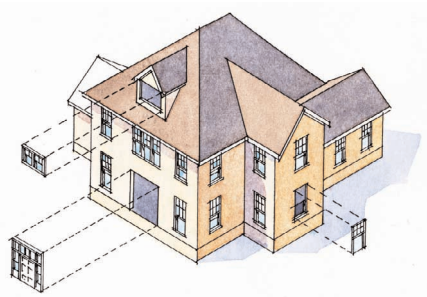
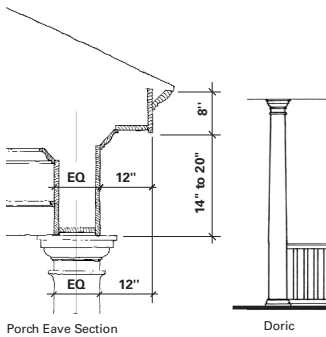
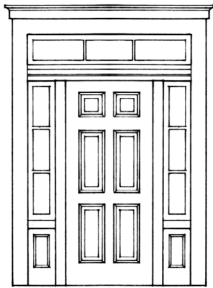


Once the massing and the floor-to-floor heights are determined, various **Door and Window Compositions** can be explored. Most styles have very definite patterns that were used to produce balanced or picturesque compositions that produce a harmonious and pleasing image. Window proportions, location and spacing were all important and well understood by early house builders.

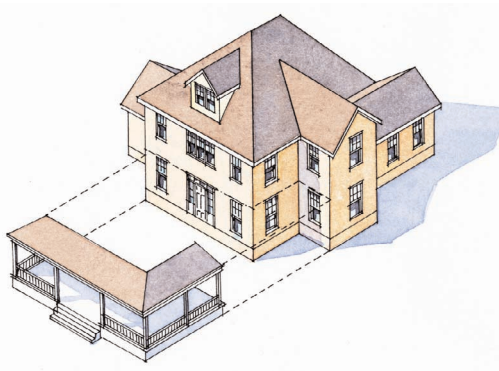


Massing Diagrams for Additions

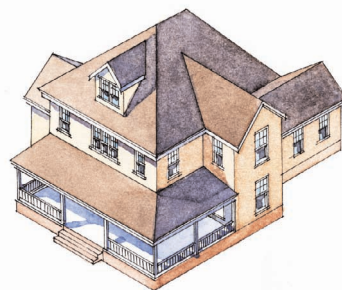




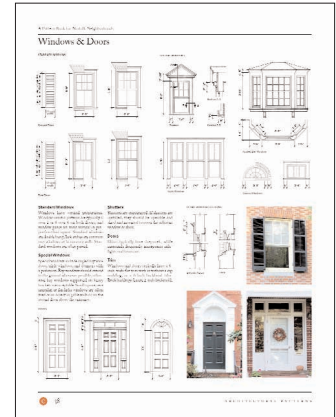
While windows and doors are available today from a wide range of manufacturers and come in almost any shape and size, correctly proportioned and detailed **Windows and Doors** are key to the design of the house. The Pattern Book illustrates standard window and door types used for each architectural style and special windows and doors used as accents.



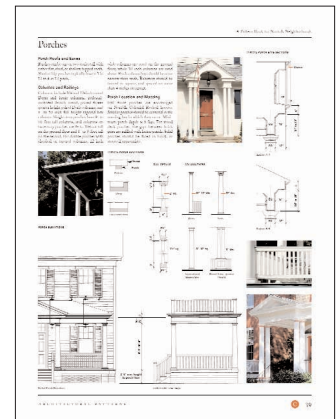
Porches are important elements in the Norfolk environment and find expression in almost every architectural style or vocabulary. Setting the appropriate column types, porch cornices, railings, and balustrades is key to establishing the character of the house. The Pattern Book offers options found within a particular style complete with sample profiles that illustrate the correct dimensions and components.



The final assembly of the various components should produce a house of recognized character and quality no matter what the size. Appropriate materials are discussed in the Appendix. A series of illustrated possibilities within each style section demonstrates the effective application of the Pattern Book guidelines.



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Illustration of the correct assembly of a Norfolk house in the Colonial Revival Style